

HOUSE FILE 2009  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act allowing the use of a leashed dog to retrieve a wounded  
2 deer and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.    481A.56A    Retrieval of wounded deer  
2 by leashed dogs.

3 A person having a valid hunting license and a valid deer  
4 hunting license who has wounded a deer while hunting may use  
5 a dog to locate and retrieve the wounded animal. The hunter  
6 or any person in the company of the hunter shall not possess a  
7 firearm or bow while using a dog in this manner and shall have  
8 control of the dog by leash at all times during the search.  
9 The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to  
10 implement this section.

11       Sec. 2.   Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
12 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

13       c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,  
14 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.56A, 481A.60 through 481A.62,  
15 481A.83, 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3,  
16 sections 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and 483A.28, the  
17 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

18 EXPLANATION

19       This bill creates new Code section 481A.56A to allow a hunter  
20 with a valid hunting license and deer hunting license who  
21 wounds a deer while hunting to use a dog to locate and retrieve  
22 the wounded animal. The hunter or any person in the company of  
23 the hunter shall not possess a firearm or bow while using a dog  
24 in this manner and shall have control of the dog by leash at  
25 all times during the search. The natural resource commission  
26 shall adopt rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A to implement  
27 this provision.

28 A violation of the new provision is punishable by a scheduled  
29 fine of \$25.